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Welcome to the first edition of this new on line publication which will hopefully be issued monthly. Having recently entered the world of cyberspace, after some resistance, I have discovered that a wealth of information is available through the Internet, if you know where to look. Unfortunately, so much time can be spent looking that little is left for digesting and learning. One of the goals of this newsletter is to zero in on web sites which I hope will be of interest to you.

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There will be different categories, know as Zones, of information each month. With my main interest, as well as my business, being radio, there will be a section of sites related to radio known as the Radio Zone; all types including shortwave, amateur, scanning, both hobby and professionally related. The sites have all been chosen for their useful and unique content.

There will also be general interest categories, found in the General Zone. Some, but not all, will have radio related connections to them. The material will be varied, touching on different interests, subjects and specialties; some common, and some a little off the wall.

And, finally, you will find the Just for Fun Zone; novel, entertaining, and sometimes silly sites which, hopefully, will make you laugh and give you some enjoyment.

All this for free? Is there a catch? You bet there is. If I'm going to take the time to put this together each month, I am going to take the time to include some self promotion and advertising, found in the Publicity Zone. I told you there was a catch!

Each month I will include some information about Radio H.F., the major outlet in the Montreal region for radio

equipment and accessories, covering shortwave, scanning, amateur radio, CB, etc. Radio H.F. also carries Canada's largest selection of radio books, including the complete catalogues of the American Radio Relay League, Radio Society of Great Britain, Radio Amateurs of Canada, Radio Amateurs du Quebec Inc., plus many others.

Every month I will inform you of the Specials of the Month at Radio H.F. I will also highlight any new equipment or publications which have arrived at the shop. The advertisements will always appear at the end of the newsletter. Keep an eye on The Publicity Zone.
In addition to the Radio H.F. promotion, I will remind you of other activities which I am involved in such as the Canadian International DX Club, my weekly radio broadcast, The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill in Montreal, and any other special events which I might be involved in.

So there you have what the Radio H.F. Internet Newsletter is all about. I would appreciate receiving your comments, by return e mail, on the newsletter, its content and its future. You are encouraged to participate as well. If you have an interesting site which you would like to share with other readers, please send along a brief write up, as you see below. Keep it concise, but detailed enough. Be sure to include the CORRECT and COMPLETE website address, and be sure to credit your sources. I have yet to decide, but I may offer an incentive bonus to attract contributions, such as a discount on purchases at Radio H.F. to contributors whose material is used. More on that next time. The decision on what is, or is not, published is mine alone. One final note to our French speaking friends. I apologize, but due to time constraints, and my less than perfect command of written French, this newsletter will unfortunately be distributed in an English version only. That is unless someone volunteers to translate it. Hint, hint.

Finally, please tell your friends about this newsletter. If there is someone you know who would like to be added to the distribution list, please have them send me their email address. The distribution list will be suppressed. The list will remain the property of Radio H.F. and myself, and will not be redistributed to others. And I promise, this long winded introduction will only appear this month; not every month.

So, time to get on with it. I have rambled on long enough. I hope you enjoy the premier issue of The Radio H.F. Internet Newsletter.

## THE RADIO ZONE

## ENGLISH SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS TO NORTH AMERICA

VIA: Daniel Sampson (Web Master), Arcadia, Wisconsin

http://www.angelfire.com/wi/worldbandradio/

For the North American shortwave listener, this site is a must. Created and maintained by Daniel Sampson, it is designed to provide convenient listings of shortwave broadcasts targeting North America in the English language. Most importantly, the site is updated regularly. There are two main categories: English to North America by time; and English to North America by country. This second category also provides links to the shortwave stations' webpages, where available. There are also links to other sites of interest to the shortwave listener. A unique feature, realizing that many shortwave listeners are news buffs, Mr. Sampson has added a link to the Reuters newswire service.

## SHORTWAVE LISTENERS QSL CARD MUSEUM

FROM: Bob Margolis, USA, member of World Utility Network
http://www.antique-corner.com/SWLQSL/

This new site, put on line on January 26, 1999, is based in Richardson, Texas. It is dedicated to the collecting of radio station QSL (verification) cards. Presently the site showcases shortwave broadcast station QSLs. They have plans to add pirate cards in the future. There has also been some talk of a section dedicated to utility stations. Simply click on the country whose cards you would like to see and there they are. The webmaster is also welcoming input from other QSL collectors.

## CSY- SANTA MARIA AERADIO STATION

FROM Luis Filipe Santos, Azores, member of World Utility Network

http://www.terravista.pt/aguaalto/2010

One of the busiest international air traffic control stations for flights crossing the Atlantic from the Americas into southern Europe and northern Africa, and return, is CSY Santa Maria Aeradio. This station is located on the Azores Islands. Their site, complete with photographs, was put together by Mr. Santos, an employee of the station.

## THE RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

FROM: Geoff Halligey, editor of The Confidential Frequency List, and member of the World Utility Network

http://www.open.gov.uk/radiocom/

This is the site of the agency responsible for the allocation, maintenance and supervision of the United Kingdom's radio spectrum. You will find news reports on agency activity; a newsletter; a reference library; spectrum charts; links; and information on agency research projects.

## IARU THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW, Greenfield Park, Quebec

http://www.iaru.org/

This is the home page of an organization that, since 1925, has been the federation of all National Amateur Radio Societies. Included here you will find a websearch, a list of member societies, IARU projects, contests and awards, bandplans, a calendar of events, meeting records, news releases, links, and QSL bureau details. Lots of interesting information for the amateur operator.

## THE GENERAL ZONE

## THE AERO DATA FILES

FROM: Bob Margolis, USA, member of World Utility Network

http://www.tcsn.net/adf/

For airplane buffs, this site will keep you busy for many hours. This is a collection of American civil and military powered aircraft since 1903 with listings of more than 10,000 types of U.S. aircraft with model numbers, specifications, data and text, photographs and graphics. This is a self-supported site with no ads, no banners, nothing fancy, just pure information.

## STRATEGY MAGAZINE MILITARY SITES OF THE WORLD

FROM: Rich Baker, USA, member of the World Utility Network

http://www.strategy.gr/armys/worlden.htm

This site originates in Greece, and is the home page for Strategy Magazine, and War and History Magazine. The site is available in both English and Greek. You can get to these by going back to their home page at

http://www.strategy.gr/english/mil-en1.htm

For any military buff, this is a gold mine of information on military related web sites from 5 regions of the world Western Hemisphere, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia/New Zealand. From the world map, simply click on one of the five sections and you will find listings, complete with links, by country, of web sites related to army, navy, air force, marines, coast guard and other military bodies in each country. There is also an interesting section on NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). Some of the sites are official; others have been put together by individuals.

## U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTRE

FROM: Rich Baker, USA, member of the World Utility Network

http://wwwneic.cr.usgs.gov/

This site offers the USGS Current Earthquake Info, including near real time bulletin lists of the last 20 or so earthquakes worldwide, complete with date, time, coordinates, magnitude, region and optional maps. Also

general info on earthquakes & info on seismograph stations with their codes and coordinates.

You can also subscribe, free of charge, to receive email messages of earthquakes worldwide. Whenever an earthquake occurs measuring 5.0 or more in the U.S., Alaska or Hawaii or 6.0 or more anywhere else on the planet, a message will be sent to you giving you the complete details. To subscribe to this free service, simply complete and submit the information required at the following website

http://geology.usgs.gov/eq/eq_subscribe.html

## PANAMA CANAL WEB CAM

FROM: Jo (name incomplete), member of the World Utility Network

http://www.pancanal.com/photo/camera-java.html
This site focuses on the Panama Canal, including general information, history, news, a photo gallery, technical information, a site search, links, and of course, the live camera. The camera shows the Miraflores locks with a photo on the home page which updates every 60 seconds.

## SUBMARINES, SECRETS AND SPIES

FROM: Bob Margolis, USA, member of World Utility Network

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/subsecrets

>From the PBS TV show Nova, January 19, 1999 entitled Submarines, Secrets and Spies, this site offers you the following:

See inside a submarine with 360 degree camera views
Learn about the U.S. Navy loaning out nuclear subs
Find out about life on a submarine
Find a resource list and the transcript of the broadcast

## THE FUN ZONE

## THE FREE SITE

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

http://www.thefreesite.com/

Like to get something for nothing? This is the place. The site bills itself as The Home of the Web's Best Freebies. Everything you find here is free, set up in the following categories:

Anonymous, Banners, Chat, Counters, Digital postcards, E mail, Fonts, Games, Graphics, Java, Miscellaneous, Pranks, Prizes and Contests, Reminders, Samples, Screen Savers, Software, Sounds, Web Space. There are also links to other free sites. To top it all off, you can subscribe to the Free Newsletter which will inform you of new free items being added to the site.

## THE PUBLICITY ZONE RADIO H.F.

## GOOD NEWS FOR THE MONTREAL AREA AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY

Effective immediately, amateur radio equipment from Icom, Kenwood, Yaesu, Alinco, A.D.I., Standard and others are now available through Radio H.F. in Greenfield Park. As a result of a sub dealership with Norham Radio in North York, Ontario, Radio H.F. can now offer our clients a complete selection of the latest in amateur radio hand held, mobile and base equipment and accessories. More popular models will be in stock at Radio H.F. Other models will be available by special order, with most orders being received within 48 hours. Contact Radio H.F. for pricing and availability on any product.

Through this arrangement, Radio H.F. also now has access to major lines of antennas and other accessories from Cushcraft, Comet, MFJ, Astron, Kantronics, Daiwa, Diamond, Hustler, Larsen, Outbacker, Telex Hygain, and more.

## RADIO H.F. CARRIES CELLULAR CAPABLE SCANNERS & RECEIVERS

Due to U.S. Government regulations prohibiting cellular coverage, scanners in the Radio Shack/Realistic and Uniden lines are being manufactured for the U.S. market only, and are incapable of cellular frequency reception. Companies such as AOR, Icom, Welz and Yupiteru are manufacturing two production lines of their scanners; one for the U.S. market, and the second for the rest of the world. Radio H.F. sells these European specification models which provide full, uninterrupted coverage, including the cellular band. Contact us for pricing and availability on any of these popular units such as the AOR-AR 8200, the Icom IC-R10 and R-2 and the Yupiteru MVT-7100 and MVT-9000.

## JUST ARRIVED NEW BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS & CD ROMS AT RADIO H.F.

1999 Klingenfuss Guide to Utility Stations
11th Edition Confidential Frequency List
1999 A.R.R.L. Handbook
1999 A.R.R.L. Handbook (CD ROM Version)
A.R.R.L. Antenna Book (CD ROM Version)
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## THE PUBLICITY ZONE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, with national headquarters in the Montreal area. CIDX is a general coverage radio monitoring club. The club publishes a monthly bulletin, The Messenger, for its members. To find out more about CIDX, its publication and its activities, please visit our club web site:

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

CIDX also has activities on the air, both on shortwave on Radio Canada International and in the Montreal area on CKUT FM Radio McGill. CIDX club amateur radio stations are active from time to time for special events. Find complete details on these activities on the web site as well. CIDX membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.

That does it for this month. Don't forget to submit your contributions, comments, suggestions, criticisms, etc. about this newsletter. Your input is essential.

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